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Applicant: Shida, M. et al.

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENTMail Stop Fee Amendment
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SIR:

This amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated April 9, 2003. Please reconsider the application in view of the amendment and remarks presented below.

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TC 1700ELECTION OF CLAIMS

In the Office Action, the Examiner requested an election of claims pursuant to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 between Group I claims 1-17 and Group II claims 18-26.

In response, applicants hereby elect examination of Group I claims 1-17.

ELECTION OF SPECIES

In the Office Action, the Examiner also requested an election of species pursuant to a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 between the species of Group I consisting of polyvinylidene fluoride, polyacrylonitrile, acrylonitrile butadiene-rubber, acrylonitrile butadiene styrene resin, acrylonitrile polyethylene chloride propylene diene styrene resin, acrylonitrile vinyl chloride resin, acrylonitrile

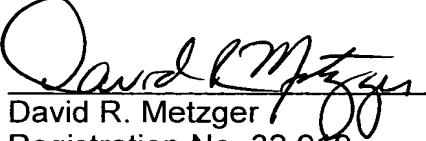
metaacrylate resin, acrylonitrile acrylate resin and polyethylene oxide, polyether denatured siloxane, a copolymer of polyvinidene fluoride, a copolymer of polyacrylonitrile and a copolymer of polyethylene oxide.

In response, applicants hereby elect the species described in Group I polyvinylidene fluoride Claims 1-17 (although Claim 15 includes polyvinylidene fluoride in a Markush group).

Respectfully submitted,

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